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SOURCE: A former high-level Cuban official who was once active in the revolutionary movement and a confidant of Fidel Castro. He has always been anti-Communist and is now strongly anti-Castro. He continues to maintain contact with many Cuban officials at all levels of government. Source has provided a limited number of reports which appear to have been accurate.

Headquarters Comment. Source, who also has good contacts among leaders of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU, University Student Federation), reported on 2 February 1965 that Jaime Crombet and Lazaro Mora would be elected president and vice-president, respectively, at the 8 - 10 February elections of FEU officers at the University of Havana. The following comments by Source are reported in light of his experience and insight in Cuban student matters.

Jaime Crombet, newly elected president of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU) at the University of Havana, has little influence over the University students and will find it difficult to restrict them to the ideological framework which the Cuban regime tries to impose. Lazaro Mora, the new vice-president, although younger than Crombet, is a member of the student "old guard;" he worked with Rolando Cubela Secades during the period when the latter was president of the FEU, from late 1959 to 1961. Mora still maintains close contact with Cubela, who apparently plans to retain his influence at the University with the students through Mora and with the faculty through Luis Soto, Vice-Rector of the University. It is certain that Fidel Castro will not be able to control the students through Crombet as he has done through his predecessor, Jose Rebellon Alonso, for the past two years. The fact that the students no longer react spontaneously will make Crombet's task a difficult one. Crombet may be able to attract members of the Union de Jovenes Comunistas (UJC, Union of Communist Youths), of which he has been president, but Mora is considered the leader of the anti-Communist groups at the University. A small Trotskyist group still exists, but it is insignificant.

Headquarters Comment. A Havana radio broadcast of 11 February 1965 announced the results of the elections, naming, among others, Crombet, Mora, Iliana Valmana as secretary of organization, and Francisco Dorticos as deputy secretary of organization.

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